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TO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN PRIORITY

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FOLLOWING SENT BONN INFO LONDON PARIS BERLIN VIENNA ZURICH
BERN FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 12 MAR 74:

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - BERLIN ROUTE PROPOSALS

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1. US CIVIL AIR ATTACHE SHOULD TAKE POSITION THAT US WILL
SUPPORT ALL REASONABLE EFFORTS OF TRIPARTITE AIRLINES TO
OPERATE BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND NON-FRG POINTS. IN CON-
VEYING OUR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE, US REP SHOULD SEEK
FURTHER DETAILS RE BEA PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY WHETHER
UK HAS SWISS APPROVAL OR, IF NOT, STATE OF THIS PLAY.
MANNER IN WHICH BRITISH CAA PRESENTED MATTER AND APPARENTLY
ATTEMPTED PRECIPITATE ISSUE BY ANNOUNCING IMMINENT BEA
PRESS RELEASE STRIKES US AS UNUSUAL PROCEDURE. WE WONDER,
FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER UK IS TRYING TO KILL PAN AM'S CHAN-
CES BY FORCING SWISS INTO POSITION OF APPROVING BOTH BEA
AND PAN AM PROPOSALS OR NEITHER AND HOPING FOR LATTER.

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2. IF BRITISH CAA BALKS AT PROVIDING STATE OF PLAY WITH SWISS, EMBASSY MIGHT REMIND HIM OF PIQUE EXPRESSED BY UK OVER WHAT IT ALLEGED TO BE INADEQUATE CONSULTATION ON PART OF US IN ARRANGING BERLIN-AMSTERDAM SERVICE IN 1973.

3. UK INITIATIVE RE BERLIN-ZURICH MIGHT PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SURFACE PROPOSED PAN AM SERVICE TO VIENNA. UNLESS EMBASSY PERCEIVES OBJECTION, IT SHOULD PROCEED INFORM UK, FRENCH, AND FRG OF USG INTEREST IN SEEKING AUTHORITY FROM AUSTRIANS TO OPEN BERLIN-VIENNA SERVICE ABOUT JUNE 1. DEPARTMENT WOULD THEN PROCEED ALONG LINES OF REF B.

4. RE RECENT DANISH RESPONSE TO BERLIN-COPENHAGEN REQUEST, DEPARTMENT PLANNING TO RAISE MATTER WITH DANISH AMBASSADOR.

5. WE ALSO PLAN PURSUE BERLIN-ZURICH ROUTE FOR PAN AM WITH SWISS EMBASSY AT MEETING ON MARCH 14, SINCE WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING SINCE PROPOSAL ORIGINALLY PRESENTED HERE ON JANUARY 29 (REF C). KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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